

## Coaches Information Packet

**2024**

**State Track and Field Championships**  
**University of New Mexico Track & Field Complex**  
**May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **State Championship Information**

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**1. Entrance into the Event (Coaches and Participants)**

- The coach and athlete entrance is located at the Southeast corner of the track & field complex. Coaches must wear the wristband and coaches' badge for entrance throughout the day.

**2. Passes**

- Only coaches who are listed on the Track and Field Assistant Form, which was to be returned to the NMAA Office by **April 18<sup>th</sup>** have been given a pass to the State Championships (numerous e-mails were sent to head coaches clarifying this procedure). Coaches who did not submit a form will receive only one pass in their packet.
- All qualifying athletes must wear their assigned wristband at all times. The wristband colors are as follows:
  - **Friday- May 10<sup>th</sup>- Green**
  - **Saturday- May 11<sup>th</sup> - Purple**
  - **Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Berry**
  - **Saturday, May18<sup>th</sup> – Gold**

**3. Warm up Area**

- **The track will not be available at any time to warm up on.**
- Athletes participating in the throwing events will not be allowed to use their implements (javelin, shot put or discus) in the warm-up area (Robertson Field).
- Field event participants will be given a 30-minute window to warm up at the event itself.

**4. Check-In Procedures**

- Athletes in running events must check in with the clerk of course, who will be located under the white tent near the Southeast corner of the facility, 30 minutes prior to their event. Athletes not at the check in tent at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the race will be scratched from the event.
- Scratches are to be reported a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the event.
- 10 minutes prior to the start of the race, athletes in the running events will be escorted from the preliminary to the final staging area.

- Athletes competing in running and field events simultaneously must check out of the field event prior to their race. Upon conclusion of their running event, they will have 10 minutes to report back to their unfinished field event.
- Athletes participating in field events can check in at the event site 30 minutes prior to the event.

#### **5. Relay Check-In Procedures**

- The NMAA has printed the relay cards and the participants from the entries you submitted on MileSplit. The check in clerk will have your relay cards and will check in the athletes who are participants in the relay. The relay cards will **not** be in your coach's packet.

#### **6. Announcer Calls**

- The public address announcer will be making all calls prior to each event. The events will be called as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Call – 30 minutes prior to start
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Call – 20 Minutes prior to start
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final call – 10 minutes prior to the start!

#### **7. Bib Numbers**

- All competitors must wear their assigned bib number during competition. For running events, athletes must wear these on the back of their uniform. For field event athletes, they may wear these on either the front or back of their uniform. Bib numbers that have been misplaced may be replaced by the participant's coach at the official's garage located at the south end of the track.

#### **8. Hip Numbers**

- All running competitors must wear hip numbers during competition to distinguish their assigned lane. Hip numbers will be given to the individual running athletes at the final staging area tent.
- For relay events, only the anchor will wear the hip number.

#### **9. Uniform Rule**

- Please adhere to all uniform rules in the NFHS Rulebook in section 4-3.
- If athletes who are in violation of the uniform code are observed they will be issued a warning and shall be required to make the uniform legal before becoming eligible for further competition.

#### **10. Block Holders**

- Block holders will not be allowed. Blocks will be provided.

#### **11. Participation Entry Limits**

- Please adhere to the NMAA rules regarding participation entry limitations. Each individual athlete is allowed to compete in 5 total events, however no more than 4 can be field events and no more than 4 can be running events.
- No athlete may participate in more than three (3) events of 400 meters or more.

## **12. Relay Items to Note**

- Tape, tennis balls, flat discs, stripes, etc. are permitted on the track as markers. Markers must be placed on the **inside** of your lane and not on the lane line. Objects that are deemed un-safe by the meet referee are not permitted.
- In relay races (800m relay – 3 to 4 exchange, 1600m medley – 3 to 4 exchange, 1600m relay – 2 to 3 and 3 to 4 exchanges) where incoming runners are exchanging to their teammates, the track umpire will not filter the outgoing runners to lane one once cleared, this is the responsibility of the outgoing runner.

## **13. Team Seating**

- Teams may set up tents in the warmup area. No tent assignments will be made. Tent set up will begin at 6:00 AM each day.

## **14. Qualifying for Finals**

- A maximum of eight (8) participants in individual events and eight (8) relay teams will qualify for the finals.
- 2 Heats= Top two (2) places in each heat plus the next best four (4) times.
- 3 Heats= Top two (2) places in each heat plus the next best two (2) times.
- 4 Heats= First place in each heat plus the next best four (4) times.

## **15. Appeals**

- Appeals are limited to misapplication of the rules. Judgments made by officials are not subject to appeal and will not be considered. In the event of an appeal, please see the referee (listed below). Appeal forms (to be picked up in the garage) must be properly completed and submitted to the Head Referee within 30 minutes after the conclusion of the event in question:
  - Track Referee – Robert Abney
  - Field Referee – Vance Lee, Sr.

## **16. Scoring/Points**

- Points are awarded for the first six places in each event as follows:
  - Individual Events       7-5-4-3-2-1
  - Relay Events               10-8-6-4-2-1

## **17. Awards**

- All individual and relay medals will be awarded at the conclusion of the running events. Field event awards will be awarded immediately after the event concludes. The top six finishers in each event will be escorted to the awards stand upon finalization of the results.

## **18. Lane Assignments (100, 110 Hurdles, 200 and 400):**

- Lane assignments are seeded and positioned according to seed times:
- Straight Races: 4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8

- Curved Races: 3-4-5-6-7-8-2-1

**19. Lane Assignments (800, 1600, 3200)**

- Lane assignments are seeded and positioned according to seed time (fastest to slowest):1 through the number of competitors.

**20. Starting Heights**

- Starting Heights will be as follows:

	<u>Class</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
High Jump	A	4' 4"	5' 2"
Pole Vault	A	6' 0"	8' 6"
High Jump	2A	4' 4"	5' 4"
Pole Vault	2A	6' 6"	9' 0"
High Jump	3A	4' 4"	5' 4"
Pole Vault	3A	6' 6"	9' 0"
High Jump	4A	4' 6"	5' 6"
Pole Vault	4A	8' 0"	11' 0"
High Jump	5A	4' 8"	5' 8"
Pole Vault	5A	8' 0"	11' 0"

- The closest board to the "pit" in the triple jump is 24 feet.

**21. Implement Weigh-In**

- Implements must be weighed in starting at one hour prior to the competition. Only those implements that are weighed in and taken to the event may be used for warm-up as well as competition. Weigh ins are located in the garage at the south side of the track.

**22. Pole Vault Verification Cards/Safety Certification**

- All teams who have qualified a pole vaulter(s) must complete the pole vault verification card inclusive of the coach's signature. The completed card must be submitted during your athlete(s) check-in for the event.

**23. Results**

- Results will be online only. [www.liverunningresults.com](http://www.liverunningresults.com)

**24. Parking**

- UNM will be charging for parking. If you are not arriving in a school bus or an identifiable school vehicle you will be charged for parking. The fee is \$7.00 per vehicle or minimum \$25.00 for RV's depending on parking spots used. This includes athletes and coaches.

**25. Admission**

- Adults \$13.00 Students (K-12), Military and Seniors \$7.00 per day. You will have in and out privileges with a wristband. Sold online or at the door. Credit card only. [NMAA Track & Field Championships | University of New Mexico \(venue.net\)](https://venue.net)

## **26. Spectator Information**

- \$7 Parking Fee
- Fans are allowed to bring in one sealed bottle of water.
- Fans must use Clear Bags ONLY
- Collapsible Umbrellas are allowed (No Tents or Pop-Up Tents or Golf Umbrellas Allowed)